

we could have put them there and called them to your attention.

In either case it is clear that there is certain to be discussion on both of the items. I looked upon this function as one of merely calling it to the peoples' attention. I do not go beyond it, and I would have done so, whether I put it in or not.

I would have preferred Style's statements for them for proposed insertion if I did not put them in. I did not put them in as substantive changes, but to call them to your attention.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: This question should be directed to either Delegate Penniman or Delegate Clagett.

Does the exception pertaining to multi-governmental county units pertain as well to those that might be created pursuant to the section on intergovernmental cooperation as well as those which might be created in the first instance by legislation under section 7.06?

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): I do not know that Delegate Clagett heard the question or not.

Delegate Penniman, do you feel qualified to answer that?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: This is, I believe, a substantive question.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Clagett, did you hear Delegate Hanson's question?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: I am afraid not.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): You were being diverted, so I will ask you to repeat the question, Delegate Hanson.

DELEGATE HANSON: My question is, does the exception on page 9 pertaining to multicounty governmental units apply equally to those multicounty units which may have been created or might in the future be created under the intergovernmental cooperation section of article 8, as well as to those originally created under section 7.06 of the local government article?

DELEGATE CLAGETT: Yes.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Clagett.

DELEGATE CLAGETT: The answer is yes.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Any further questions of Delegate Penniman?

Delegate Carson.

DELEGATE CARSON: Chairman Penniman, the second sentence in this section, as I read it, and as I believe it was intended, permits the General Assembly to enact laws in the specified categories without respect to whether they are general or to whether they are local in nature. Is that correct?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: That is correct.

DELEGATE CARSON: So that the word "notwithstanding" in line 47 could be read to mean without the limitations proposed by this section, and that is what it really means?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: That is correct.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: If you turn to the last page, it says that a special law shall not be enacted for any situation for which a general law is applicable. This was, to the Committee, an ambiguous situation. Does that mean one where a law has been enacted, or a situation exists where one could be made applicable?

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Gallagher.

DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Delegate Penniman, I would say that it was the intention of the Committee that this language would apply to those situations where there was existing law, not where there could be.

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: Thank you very much.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: I have a question of Delegate Penniman.

DELEGATE JAMES (presiding): Yes.

DELEGATE GRANT: In one of the earlier drafts in section 7.06, why did you take the numbering out?

DELEGATE PENNIMAN: We took it out because it was not very pretty, which may not be a very satisfactory answer. We have followed the practice of not numbering if we could possibly avoid numbering within a paragraph, so this is quite literally the reason we took it out.